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SUBJECT:DEPARTMENT BRIEFING RE ERITREA

1. FOLLOWING IS AN EXCERPT FROM THE FEBRUARY 6 DEPARTMENT
PRESS BRIEFING RE ERITREAN DEVELOPMENTS.

2. Q. HAVE AMERICANS NOW BEEN EVACUATED FROM ASMARA? IS
THAT COMPLETED?

A. WELL, THE DEPENDENTS I SAID YESTERDAY HAD BEEN
EVACUATED AND AT THIS TIME SOME OF THE PERSONNEL ARE BEING
EVACUATED...LET ME SEE...THERE WILL BE PEOPLE LEFT IN OUR
CONSULATE AND AT THE KAGNEW COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY, BUT
DEPENDENTS ARE ALL OUT AND THERE IS SOME EVACUATION GOING
ON NOW OF SOME OF THE PERSONNEL.

Q. THE CARRIER ENTERPRISE AND ITS TASK FORCE WERE LAST
REPORTED NEAR MOMBASA. THAT IS NOT VERY FAR FROM ETHIOPIA.
HAVE SAILING ORDERS BEEN CHANGED FOR THE ENTERPRISE TO
BRING IT A LITTLE CLOSER TO ETHIOPIA IF THERE IS A NEED TO
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EVACUATE AMERICANS THAT WAY?

A. I AM UNAWARE OF ANY SUCH ORDERS. I WOULD HAVE TO
REFER YOU TO THE PENTAGON. LET ME SAY THAT ALL THE
EVACUATIONS FROM ASMARA THUS FAR HAVE BEEN BY CHARTERED

COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT TO ADDIS AND AS FAR AS I KNOW THERE
ARE NOT THAT MANY PEOPLE LEFT. I WOULD ASSUME THAT THAT
WOULD CONTINUE -- THAT SYSTEM. I HAVEN'T BEEN TOLD THERE
IS ANY CHANGE IN THAT PLAN. KISSINGER

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